NEWS FROM RUSSIA

Petrograd, October 21. — The Russian peace programme, as drawn up by the central executive committee of the Council of Workmen's and Soldier's Delegates in the form of instructions to M. Skobeleff, ex-Minister of Labor, its delegate to the forthcoming Paris Conference, consists of fifteen articles, as follows:

1. Evacuation by the Germans of Russia and autonomy of Poland, Lithuania and the Lettish provinces.

2. Autonomy of Turkish Armenia.

3. Solution of the Alsace-Lorraine question by a plebiscite, the voting being arranged by local civil authorities after the removal of all the troops of both belligerents.

4. Restoration to Belgium of her ancient frontiers and compensation for her losses from an international fund.

5. Restoration of Serbia and Montenegro with similar compensation, Serbia to have access to the Adriatic, Bosnia and Herzegovina to be autonomous.

6. Disputed Balkan districts to receive provisional autonomy, followed by a plebiscite.

7. Rumania to be restored her old frontiers on condition that she grant Dobrudja autonomy and grant equal rights to Jews.

8. Autonomy for the Italian provinces of Austria, to be followed by a plebiscite.

9. Restitution of all colonies to Germany.

10. Reëstablishment of Greece and Persia.

11. Neutralization of all straits leading to inner seas and also the Suez and Panama canals. Freedom of navigation for merchant ships. Abolition of the right to torpedo merchant ships in wartime.

12. All belligerents to renounce war contributions or indemnities in any form, but the money spent on the maintenance of prisoners and all contributions levied during the war to be returned.

13. Commercial treaties not to be based on the peace treaty. Each country may act independently with respect to its commercial policy, but all countries to engage to renounce an economic blockade after the war.

14. The conditions of peace should be settled by a peace congress, consisting of delegates elected by the people and confirmed by parliament. Diplomatists must engage not to conclude secret treaties, which hereby are declared contrary to the rights of the people and consequently void.

15. Gradual disarmament by land and sea and the establishment of a non-military system.

The instructions to M. Skobeleff end by recommending him to seek to remove all obstacles to the meeting of the Stockholm Conference and to secure the granting of passports.

Who will be America's delegates at the Paris Conference? — and what will their instructions be?

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